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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S COMMENTS ON TOT IN 1976

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO ALAN JAMES' TELECON WITH GEORGE TAFT ON JULY 18, 1978.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1976, IN NEW YORK, SECRETARY KISSINGER HELD A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON COMMITTEE I ISSUES WITH UNCLOS DELEGATES. AMBASSADOR RAMIRO SARAIRA GUERREIRO AND SERGIO MARTINS THOMPSON-FLORES REPRESENTED BRAZIL. AMBASSADOR AMADOU CISSE OF SENEGAL INDICATED THAT MANY DELETATES QUESTIONED WHETHER UNDER A PARALLEL SYSTEM THE ENTERPRISE WOULD BE GIVEN THE TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES NECESSARY TO FUNCTION. IN A LENGTHY RESPONSE, SECRETARY KISSINGER STATED THE U.S. WAS INFLEXIBLE ON THE

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PARALLEL SYSTEM AND THAT ACCESS SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY AUTOMATIC FOR THE STATE OR PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SEGMENT. HE INDICATED THE U.S. WAS PREPARED TO WORK OUT A METHOD OF FINANCING THAT WOULD ENSURE THE ENTERPRISE OF SIMUTANEOUSLY ENTERING MINING OR SHORTLY AFTER THE OTHER SIDE INITIATED OPERATIONS. HE ADDED, "WITH RESPECT TO THE FINANCING OF THE ENTERPRISE, AND THIS IS WITHIN THE SAME MATRIX AS OUR

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OTHER COMMENTS, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO THE ENTERPRISE. WE RECOGNIZE

THAT THE FINANCING OF THE ENTERPRISE WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNLESS CONSIDERATION OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IS ALSO INVOLVED." SECRETARY KISSINGER CONTINUED, "I HAVE JUST INDICATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL BE MAKING A SERIOUS EFFORT TO PUT THE ENTERPRISE ON AN OPERATIONAL BASIS, TO PROVIDE IT MONEY, PUT IT IN THE POSITION TO ACQUIRE TECHNOLOGY AND HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO UNILATERALLY ENGAGE IN SEABED MINING ACTIVITIES. WE ARE OFFERING TO PUT THE ENTERPRISE INTO BUSINESS AND TO GIVE IT TECHNOLOGY FOR THE SAKE OF ACHIEVING AN ACCEPTABLE TREATY. THE UNITED STATES WILL ACQUIRE NO COMMERCIAL BENEFITS FROM PUTTING OUR BUSINESS COMPETITOR INTO OPERATION. IF THESE CONCEPTS ARE ACCEPTABLE, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO BREAK THE CONFERENCE OUT OF THE INCIPIENT DEADLOCK IN COMMITTEE I AND TO BEGIN TO WORK TOWARD POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OF THE MAIN ISSUES." CHRISTOPHER

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